THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) The Disinvestment Commission has been reconstituted on 24.7.2001. The broad terms of reference of the Commission are as follows:—

(i) It shall be an advisory body and its role and function would be to advise the Government on Disinvestment in those public sector units that are referred to it by the Government.

(ii) It shall also advise the Government on any other matter relating to disinvestment as may specifically be referred to it by the Government, and also carry out any such other activities relating to disinvestment as may be assigned to it by the Government.

(iii) In making its recommendations, it will also take into consideration the interest of workers, employees and other stakeholders, in the public sector unit (s).

(iv) The final decision on the recommendations of the Disinvestment Commission will vest with the Government.

(c) and (d) The Disinvestment Commission is an advisory body consisting of renowned professionals and the recommendation of the Commission are carefully considered by the Government for implementation. The Government is committed to the protection of the interest of the workers / employees and all aspects are considered before the decision is taken on disinvestment in any Public Sector Undertaking on the recommendations of the Disinvestment Commission. At the time of disinvestment through strategic sale, adequate provisions for protecting the interests of the employees are made in the transaction agreements.

Violence against women

4807. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI:
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a U.N. report released on 15th January, 2001 pointing out that violence against women was a "high growth sector" and nearly 74 per cent crimes were against women;

(b) whether the National Crime Record Bureau has warned that by the year 2010 the growth rate of crime against women would be much higher than the population growth rate; and

(c) if so, the steps Governments are taking to safeguard /protection of women against crimes / harassment in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) As per the Report 'Women in India-How Free, How Equal' commissioned by the Office of United Nations Resident Coordinator in India, there was 74% increase of crimes against women, with rate, molestation, torture by husbands and in-laws showing the highest rate of growth between 1980 and 1990.

(b) The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) does not publish any figures regarding future estimates of crime.

(c) The Government of India has been taking following steps to safeguards/protect women against crimes / harassment:—

- Strengthening the existing legislations and developing new institutional machineries.
- "Crimes against Women's Cells" have been set up in State of Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi and in the UTs of Pondicherry and Chandigarh.
- Adopted a National Policy for the Empowerment of Women with the goal for bringing about the advancement, development and empowerment of Women by creating an environment through positive social and economic policies in all spheres of life.
- Set up National Commission for Women (NCW) with a specific mandate to study and monitor all matters relating to the Constitutional and legal safeguards provided to women.
- Number of schemes / programmes have been implemented to make women aware of the provisions of the legal safeguards available under various Acts. The scheme named 'Swadhar' has been launched for benefiting women in difficult circumstances.

➢ Awareness Generation Programme was introduced by the Central Social Welfare Board in 1986-87 to raise the general awareness of rural and poor women. Since 1993-94 special emphasis is being given to the participation of women in Panchayati Raj institutions and their role in national integration and communal harmony.

Distribution of spurious medicines

†4808. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the pharmacist posted in CGHS dispensary, Kalibari has been bluffing the CGHS beneficiaries by giving spurious medicines against the prescription issued by dispensary and original medicines in open market;

(b) whether lesser quantity of the medicines than prescribed is also given by the Pharmacist; and

(c) if so, the punitive action Government propose to take against him so that patients may get proper medicines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No such complaint has been received in this regard. However, after receipt of the question, an enquiry was conducted in the matter and its report shows no evidence that spurious drugs are being dispensed at the CGHS Kalibari (Allopathic) dispensary. Further, the supply of medicines in the dispensary was exactly as per the quantity indented / prescribed.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, the questions do not arise.

Construction of a central building for Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Trauma Centre

†4809. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foundation stone has been laid recently for construction of a central building for Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Trauma Centre;

(b) if so, whether the proposed map for the building has not been sent to Delhi Urban Arts Commission (DUAC) so far;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.